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25X1 1. The following observations were made in COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) on 28 October 1949:

a. Alvensleben (Artillerie) Kaserne on Viehmarkt:

(1) Artillery unit of about 400 troops, including 18 to 20-year-old recruits.

(2) Four 122-mm guns, four 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brake, five 57-mm AT guns, three aiming circles, two battery commander's telescopes and 18 trucks were seen in the kaserne area.

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b. Hermann Loens Kaserne at 97 Reichstrasse:

Tank unit of about 400 troops. Five US tanks, three T34 tanks, 12 other canvas-covered tanks and one 122-mm SP gun were seen in the kaserne area.

c. Funker Kaserne on Gultenerstrasse:

AAA unit of 400 to 500 troops. Eight 37-mm AA guns on four wheel mounts and four heavy machine guns were seen.

d. Sachsendorf Kaserne:

(1) About 2,000 troops of tank and artillery units, the former being equipped with AA guns, heavy AT guns and rocket launchers, according to local residents.

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25X1 (2) Trucks and passenger car were identified in the kaserne area.

2. The following observations were made in the COTTBUS military post between 31 October and 5 November 1949:

a. Artillery Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse:

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(1) Artillery unit of about 500 troops, mostly young soldiers.

(2) Three 76.2-mm guns were parked in front of the barracks.

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b. Funker Kaserne on Burger Chaussee and Culbenerstrasse:

(1) AAA unit of about 500 troops, including 200 recruits.

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(2) Seven 76.2-mm AA guns and three heavy AA machine guns were emplaced on the southwest border of the landing field of the COTTBUS airfield. The gun crews, from the former Funker Kaserne, were accommodated in earth bunkers beside the guns.

(4) A telephone line was extended between the emplacements and the Funker Kaserne.

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(5) Truck [redacted] from which boxes were unloaded, was parked at the emplacement.

c. Sachsenhof Kaserne:

(1) Large artillery unit, recruit unit and signal unit, the latter numbering about 200 troops. No heavy weapons were observed.

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d. Hermann Loeb Kaserne:

(1) Division headquarters and tank unit totaling about 500 officers and EM. Field officers, most of who wearing tank insignia, were billeted in houses on Gabelowerstrasse.

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e. Lissenchen Kaserne:

(1) About 1,300 troops of tank and artillery units.

(2) A convoy of five trucks, occupied by 25 tank troops each, left the Kaserne toward COTTBUS on 31 October 1949 at about 11 a.m. No arms and baggage were observed with the troops.

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25X1 [ ] Comment:

a. It is assumed with a fair degree of certainty that the COTIBUS units of the 9th Wehr Div (Cadre) returned to their quarters in early November 1949.

b. The observations made in COTIBUS up to 5 November 1949 are considered to confirm the following units:

(1) Hq 9th Wehr Div (Cadre), in the Hermann Goens Kaserne

(2) 71st Wehr Regt (Cadre) [ ] in the Wittenchen Kaserne

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(3) 1719th AAA Regt (Cadre), in the Funker Kaserne.

c. The following units may be stationed in COTIBUS:

(1) 692d Arty Regt (Cadre) in the former Alvensleben Kaserne

25X1 (2) [ ] Sig Bn (Cadre) and  
Rocket Bn, in the former Sachsendorf Kaserne.

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